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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION AND PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Applicants submit the following Preliminary Amendment concurrently with a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) in reply to the Final Office Action mailed October 25, 2005. In light of the following amendments and remarks, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and allowance of all pending claims. Enclosed please find check number 17284 for \$1,110.00 to cover the fees associated with the RCE, a one-month time extension, and the additional claims. If any additional fees or charges are required, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge them to Deposit Account 18-1167.